

## Gallaudet's federal funding undecided as Congress works to cut budget

Congressional committees have begun 10 intensive days of crafting bills which will cut the Fiscal Year 1988 federal budget by \$30.2 billion. How their program cuts—which must be completed within 10 working days—will affect Gallaudet University's budget remains to be seen.

"I'm hoping we will come out of it okay," said James Barnes, Gallaudet's vice president for Administration and Business.

Until results of the cuts are known, Gallaudet is "basically in the same mode as we were before Nov. 20—the freeze mode," Barnes said. "We must continue to hold our spending and hiring until we see how it shakes out."

On Nov. 20, Congress and the White House announced an agreement on a plan to reduce the federal deficit by about \$75 billion over two fiscal years—\$30.2 billion in FY '88 (which began Oct. 1, 1987) and \$45.9 billion in FY '89.

Some reductions have been spelled out, but the specifics of which programs will be cut must be worked out by Congress, which will be considering 14 funding bills, including one for education.

Gallaudet falls into the category of discretionary domestic spending, and a budget cut of \$2.6 billion has been recommended for that area. "Probably education stands to be one of the larger chunks of domestic spending [to be cut]," said Barnes. He noted that the agreement contained stipulations that some areas of domestic spending, such as Social Security, will not be cut.

But Barnes is hopeful that Congress will be able to come to a decision to reduce the budget by \$30.2 billion so the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings legislation will not continue. The Gramm-Rudman legislation, which President Reagan also signed into effect Nov. 20, calls for an across-the-board budget reduction of \$23 billion in the absence of any alternative agreement between Congress and the White House. This would mean an 8.5 percent cut in Gallaudet's federal funds—or \$5.6 million.

If Congress does not reach an agreement within 10 legislative days, Gramm-Rudman will continue. If an agreement is reached, then the Gramm-Rudman legislation will be rescinded.

The best scenario for Gallaudet, according to Barnes, is that its FY '88 budget could be increased. If this happens, "whatever increase we get, we hope to give out in salary increases," he said.

Another possibility is that Gallaudet's federal funding would remain at last year's level—\$62 million. "I'd be tickled pink if we made it through this without cuts at all," said Barnes. If funding remained the same, Gallaudet would have

to evaluate its options in deciding whether to grant salary increases, he noted.

And if Gramm-Rudman stays in effect and Gallaudet's federal funding is cut \$5.6 million? "There would be a lot more to worry about than salary increases then," said Barnes.

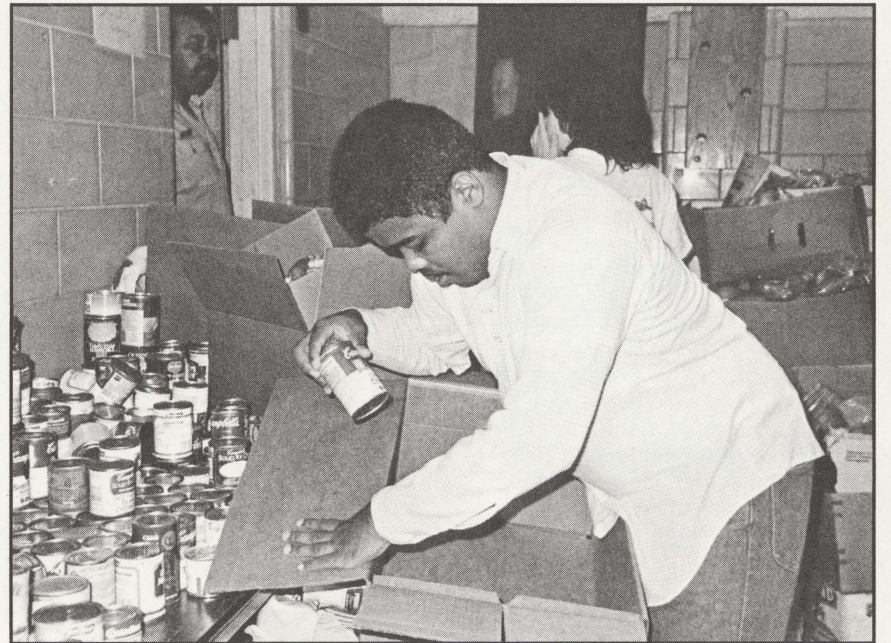
An Oct. 20 letter to the campus community from President Jerry C. Lee recommended a three-phase process to deal with potential budget cuts. "We are in the pre-first phase now," said Barnes, with hiring and purchases frozen. "The last thing we want to do is lay off people," he said. "That would be our last resort."

Barnes noted that spending and hiring have been down at Gallaudet. "The campus community has been very cooperative about keeping spending down," he said. "We're giving ourselves more flexibility, which is what we want to do."

In FY '86, the Gramm-Rudman legislation did reduce Gallaudet's federal funding by \$2.7 million. However, faculty and staff received salary increases that year since they were notified of the increases before Gramm-Rudman took effect.

The cuts were restored in the FY '87 budget, and Gallaudet was given \$62 million in federal funding. Gramm-Rudman was not enacted last year.

Gallaudet University has been under a continuing resolution from the Department of Education, which dispenses its federal funds, since Oct. 1, the beginning of the new fiscal year. "As of Oct. 1, we got an allotment to cover our expenses through Nov. 20," said Barnes. A second continuing resolution runs out Dec. 16, around the time that Congress should finish its deliberations on the new budget.



MSSD student Daniel Murray prepares a food basket at the W Street YMCA Nov. 24 for Project Harvest, a charitable organization that distributed more than 10,000 baskets to needy local families this Thanksgiving. People from KDES and Gallaudet also assisted in the effort.

## Ceremony recognizes employees for securing grants to University

Gallaudet faculty and staff who were the principal movers behind the University's obtaining an unprecedented \$2,472,392 in grant monies in FY 1988 were honored at a reception in Chapel Hall Nov. 18.

The dollar value of the grants that the University secured represents an increase of almost \$1 million from two years ago.

The recognition ceremony, sponsored by the Department of Graduate Studies and Research, was a tribute to Gallaudet's successful competition for research, training and technical assistance grants—money which is often highly sought after by other colleges and universities. It was also the University's first occasion to honor grant

recipients with a ceremony.

Certificates of appreciation were presented to 60 project directors, principal investigators and principal collaborators whose work was instrumental in netting the funds.

Before the certificates were distributed, Provost Catherine Ingold lauded their efforts to obtain funding at a time when the University is faced with cuts in federal funding.

She added that although the University has not received substantial money for new programs in the past seven years, "no one would think, looking at

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## Gallaudet replies to critical article

Gallaudet has responded to a *Washington Times* article reporting criticism of Pre-College areas by the General Accounting Office (GAO) following its recent audit.

A letter by Holly Glass, director of Public Relations here, appeared in the Nov. 18 issue of the *Times* in response to its article of Nov. 5.

The *Times* article stated that Gallaudet had been criticized by the GAO for accounting and record keeping in its two pre-college programs, as well as for its dissemination of research results and products.

According to the *Times*, the GAO "recommended that Gallaudet develop new accounting procedures as well as marketing strategies for its products beyond present reliance on a bookstore

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Drs. Robert Mobley (left) and Philip Schmitt, both of Gallaudet's School of Education and Human Services, view certificates of grants received by the University this year at Grants Recognition Day. Mobley and Schmitt were two of 60 grant recipients honored at the ceremony.



# Letter clarifies Pre-College audit

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catalog." A third GAO recommendation was that Gallaudet establish better written monitoring procedures for individual research projects.

Glass' letter is reprinted below:  
"The Washington Times' Nov. 5 article, 'Gallaudet pre-college programs faulted for sloppy record keeping,' regarding the General Accounting Office's third audit of Gallaudet University, contains several misstatements of fact that mislead your readers in a number of important ways.

"First and foremost, this article makes it abundantly clear that Gallaudet has been subject to 'highly critical' GAO audits in recent years. The Times' reporter contends that the most recent report is another in a series of criticisms lodged against the University. With respect to the 1985 and 1986 audits of Gallaudet, this article is a gross misrepresentation of those reports. In fact, in those two years, the GAO declined to make any judgments whatsoever regarding Gallaudet and offered no recommendations to the Senate Subcommittee on the Handicapped.

"Second, the Times noted that Gallaudet had been cited by the GAO in its first two audits for 'the school's inefficient use of federal funds...' This is a serious charge, but one that is unsupported by any of the reports, including the third audit. Nowhere in any of these audits, nor in any statement in testimony before the Congress, has the

GAO claimed that Gallaudet has mismanaged its funds or has been inefficient.

"Third, the Times makes comparisons regarding Gallaudet's cost per student in relation to other collegiate programs serving the deaf population. A careful reading of those reports clearly advises the reader not to make any such comparisons since each institution is materially different in scope, mission, and physical attributes.

"Yes, the third audit of Gallaudet's Pre-College research and demonstration program does make three recommendations regarding its operation. Gallaudet has worked very closely with the GAO throughout all three audits and our president, Jerry C. Lee, will seriously consider these recommendations as the program's objectives are established and implemented from year to year. We look forward to providing our full perspective to the relevant congressional committees as required. This perspective, only in part outlined in the GAO report, was not covered in the article.

"Gallaudet serves a national audience in its University and Pre-College programs and does so with a high degree of responsiveness to quality and cost effectiveness. During his tenure as president, Dr. Lee has received many commendations for his attention to the appropriate scope and extent of Gallaudet's programs. Within that context, Gallaudet will continue to ensure that its programs meet the intended needs of the nation's deaf and hearing impaired citizens."



Joan Lee presents flowers to Ella Mae "Jessie" Lynch, head housekeeper for House One, at Lynch's retirement party, held Nov. 24 in "Ole Jim." Lynch, who worked at Gallaudet for 28 years, also helped care for President and Mrs. Lee's son, Zan (pictured in foreground).

## Competitors for grant money praised

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Gallaudet during the last seven years, that we've stood still."

Ingold attributed Gallaudet's success in obtaining new sources of outside funding to "individuals with good ideas and commitment to make them a reality. It proves something that we need to be reminded of—Gallaudet's people stand up against faculty and staff anywhere in the quality of their efforts."

Receiving certificates at the ceremony were:

**Administration and Business**—Kevin Casey and Kenneth Massie.

**Student Affairs**—Sue Pressman and John Raymer.

**Pre-College Programs**—Marcia Freeman and Timothy McCarty.

**President's Office**—Dr. Gilbert Delgado.

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## Announcements

President and Mrs. Lee's holiday open house will be held next Monday, Dec. 14 from 3-5 p.m. at the president's residence. Members of the campus community are invited.

The GUAA D.C. Chapter reception for President and Mrs. Lee will be held Tuesday, Dec. 8 in "Ole Jim." Cash bar is at 5:30 followed by a 6:15 meeting and 7 p.m. entertainment.

Black Deaf Advocates will host a Christmas party with refreshments and cash bar on Friday, Dec. 11, from 8 p.m.-1 a.m. at the MWAD, 3210 Rhode Island Ave., Mt. Rainier, Md. Admission is \$3 for members and \$5 for non-members.



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## MSSD theater festival scheduled

MSSD's Performing Arts Program will present its annual Theatre Showcase Festival Dec. 10-12 at 8 p.m. in the MSSD auditorium.

This year's festival will feature two original works created under the direction of Karin Abromaitis and Mark Jaster.

The festival will also feature short performances by other high school theater groups on Friday and Saturday evenings, Dec. 11 and 12. Theater workshops will be offered on Saturday from 9 a.m.-4 p.m., and the public is welcome to attend.

Tickets for the performances are \$4 for adults and \$3 for students. For reservations or additional information, call x5466.

## Dec. 29 paychecks available early

Gallaudet's last pay date in calendar year 1987 is Dec. 29. Because the University will be closed for Winter Break from Dec. 25-Jan. 4, the Controller's Office has adjusted its schedules to ensure completion of the Dec. 29 payroll prior to the Winter Break.

Although paychecks will not be payable until Dec. 29, they will be available for pickup at the Cashier's Office, College Hall, Room B-11, on Thursday, Dec. 24 until noon.

Employees not on campus that day can request that checks be mailed to their homes. Forms for this mailing service will be enclosed with the Dec. 15 paychecks and will also be available at the Cashier's Office. Employees who use the direct deposit service will not be affected.

Two withholding changes will occur with the first pay in January 1988.

First, the Social Security tax rate will increase from 7.15 percent to 7.51 percent and the wage ceiling on which the change is made will increase from \$43,800 to \$45,000. For employees under Civil Service Retirement, the Medicare withholding rate will remain at 1.45 percent.

Second, for employees covered under the new Federal Employees Retirement System (FERS), the required withholding for benefits will decrease from 1.30 percent to .94 percent of base wages. The combined total withholding rate for FERS covered employees will remain at 8.45 percent.

In accordance with IRS reporting regulations, the 1987 W-2 forms will identify tax deferred compensation as a separate line item. This includes amounts paid into Tax Sheltered Annuity Plan 406b or into the Thrift Savings Program.

## Classified Ads

**FOR RENT:** Room in house in Rockville, Md., 1 mile from Twinbrook Metro, \$150 deposit, \$195/mo. rent, \$50/mo. util. Call David, 340-6512 (TDD).

**WANTED:** Infant care to begin in February, 8 a.m.-6 p.m. (approx.) daily, Vienna/Fairfax area. Call Eileen, x5355 (TDD) days or 255-1244 (V/TDD) after 8 p.m.

**FOR SALE:** Kenmore portable dishwasher, almond, 1 1/2 years old, exc. cond., was \$450, sell for \$250. Call Andre, M-F, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., x5501 (V), 5502 (TDD) or after 7 p.m., 920-6759 (V/TDD) or 920-6749 (TDD).

**WANTED:** Part-time typing, word processing, proofreading work sought by Gallaudet graduate in communication. Call Tonia, 353-0744 (TDD) after 8 p.m. and Saturday, 9-5, or use TEDI, 251-4030.

**FOR SALE:** '76 Monte Carlo 350 V8, 2BB1, PS, PB, 77.5K, runs well, \$1,000. Call 982-0004 (V), leave message on machine.

**FOR RENT:** Small bedroom and large day room in 2-story house, start Jan., share kitchen, living room, porch, W/D, 1 1/2 baths, walk to Brookland Metro, 15 min. drive to Gallaudet, \$283/mo. plus 1/4 util. Call Jum, 832-0505 (V/TDD).

## Job Openings

**Some of the advertised positions may already be filled.** The list below includes only new staff and faculty openings and does not represent all jobs available. To get a recorded message describing the complete list, call x5358 or x5359 (TDD).

**INFORMATION SPECIALIST II:** Programs in Adult and Community Education  
**REGISTRATION SUPERVISOR:** Office of Records Management  
**RECORDS ASSISTANT:** Office of Records Management  
**REGISTRATION ASSISTANT:** Office of Records Management  
**FACULTY POSITION:** Department of Sign Communication  
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